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1. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE PLANNING AT THE BAHRAIN DEFENCE FORCE (BDF) IN REGARD TO THE, FOR BAHRAIN, LARGE-SCALE HELICOPTER TRAINING FOR ITS OFFICERS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, FINAL COMMITMENT TO ANY TRAINING PROGRAM IS CONTINGENT UPON HELICOPTER PURCHASE DECISIONS WHICH ARE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, THE BAHRAINIS ARE WAITING RECEIPT OF A DETAILED REPORT FROM THE USG ABOUT ITS FUTURE MILITARY ORGANIZATION AND COMPOSITION.

2. DIFFICULT AS IT IS FOR TRADOC'S PLANNING PURPOSES, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT IT IS NOT NOW THE TIME TO PRESS THE BDF ABOUT ITS PLANS FOR UTILIZING THE POSITIONS CURRENTLY BEING RESERVED FOR IT (REFTEL). WE ARE AWARE THAT ELEVEN BDF OFFICERS ARE "DELINQUENT" IN REPORTING FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SCHEDULED ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING AT DLI. WE WOULD HOPE THAT MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY ON OUR PART COULD BE MAINTAINED, PENDING GOB'S DECISIONS ABOUT PURCHASES IN PARTICULAR AND THE OVERALL MILITARY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BAHRAIN AND THE US IN GENERAL.

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